

so many restrictions, Bureau restrictions, and it takes so long to secure approval of your lease. I think this is of interest to the Indian to get the best economic return you can. Many times you lose a lessee while you are waiting for all of this Bureau approval.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I have a document here, Bureau of Indian Affairs, September 7, 1967, that states that there are presently in effect 56 long-term leases affecting 1,298.97 acres; and that 59 Indian landowners are participating in the above lease income; that there are also 76 commercial subleases, 422 residential leases, and 123 residential subleases, for a total 545 residential leases and subleases; revocable permits and short-term leases in effect, 29 covering 160.19 acres; so it would appear that of the 26,000 acres, approximately 1,300 acres were income producing according to this document. Does that sound about right to you, Mrs. Ortner?

Mrs. ORTNER. I don't have the figures other than what you give me, but this sounds percentagewise right, I would say.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Do you have any information as to the educational level of your tribe?

Mrs. ORTNER. No; I do not. I do know my son spent some time in college. I have a daughter graduating from high school that's going on.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You don't have any children over 21, do you, Mrs. Ortner?

Mrs. ORTNER. I don't know, do I? I have a son in——

Mr. EDMONDSON. You don't have to tell us——

Mrs. ORTNER. I never tell my weight, but I'm always willing to tell my age. I'm 47, but I feel that this termination—I feel—now, I never graduated from high school, but I certainly did not feel that I am an uneducated person. The school of experience has taught me many things which a college degree could never teach me, which I appreciate and I value. I think that all my children should have an opportunity to be educated and should not have to face, upon age 21, a conservator.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Have you applied for your own property to be freed from——

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes; I have applied. I sold my 40 acres out of my 47-acre allotment. I still have land in trust, a 2 acre and a 5 acre.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Have you applied for the——

Mrs. ORTNER. No; I have not. Being selfish, I thought, "Well, if they bring in a termination program, I'd just as soon enjoy this," but my property, I will say—I won't lose anything by being terminated from Federal supervision. I will be able to retain my property.

Mr. EDMONDSON. So, you don't find that it is such a hindrance that you'd be willing to dispense with it?

Mrs. ORTNER. Definitely.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You do or do not?

Mrs. ORTNER. I do feel that I would be able to dispense with it, with the nontaxing. I think I can pay the taxes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. So far, you have not decided it was a wise thing to do. I think you said, being selfish, you were not going to do it unless there was——

Mrs. ORTNER. Yes; this I did state, but I have also felt that termination is an inevitable program for this reservation.